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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
ELECTRONIC DEPOSIT OF
THIRD PARTY CHECKS BY
NON-COMMERCIAL BANKING)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This amendment to the claims in the above-identified patent application is being submitted prior to a first office action, and on the same date as a petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 1 - 24, and 27-29, as indicated below, and CANCEL claims 25 and 26.

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1. A system for depositing the value associated with conventional checks into the bank account of a customer payee comprising: